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The Hon. Bart Gordon
U.S. House of Representatives
Room 2304 Rayburn Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Gordon;

ASTRA, the Alliance for Science & Technology Research in America and our **Coalition for NIST Funding** are especially pleased to support the new NIST Reauthorization measure being introduced by House Technology & Innovation Subcommittee Chairman David Wu.

NIST is finally getting some long-overdue attention by receiving significant funding increases, as well as refinement of its mission along the lines of testimony provided by ASTRA through our representative, Dr. Stanley Williams of Hewlett-Packard Labs, in mid-February of this year.

It is also gratifying to see that the beleaguered Advanced Technology Program will be "re-positioned" as the **Technology Innovation Program (TIP)** and that it will be adequately funded for the critical missions it needs to accomplish.

The new TIP will be an effective mechanism for creating successful collaboration between industry, small business start-ups, academe, entrepreneurs and venture capital firms.

Hundreds of ASTRA-affiliated individuals and organizations support the reinvigorated NIST and TIP. Attached is a list of individuals, businesses, universities and trade and professional organizations that have supported your efforts in the past, and will continue to do so.

Signed,

Dr. Mary L. Good
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